

THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A document processing system comprising:
a document processing device for performing
print jobs and copy jobs;
a print server for sending print jobs to said
5 document processing device; and
a copy station connected to said document
processing device and said print server for allowing a
user to enable said document processing device to
perform a copy job;
10 said copy station preventing said print
server from sending print jobs to said document
processing device while said document processing device
is enabled for performing a copy job, and said copy
station also preventing a user from enabling said
15 document processing device to perform a copy job while
said document processing device is performing a print
job.
2. The document processing system of Claim
1 wherein said document processing device comprises a
print queue, and wherein said print server detects
whether said document processing device is performing a
5 current print job by polling said print queue.
3. The document processing system of Claim
1 wherein said print server detects whether said
document processing device is performing a print job,
and wherein said copy station determines whether said
5 document processing device is performing a print job by
polling said print server.
4. The document processing system of Claim
1 further comprising at least one alternate document
processing device, and wherein said print server
diverts pending print jobs to said at least one

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- 5 alternate document processing device based upon the document processing device being enabled for performing a copy job and based upon the document processing device performing a print job.

5 5. The document processing system of Claim 4 wherein said copy station comprises a display, and wherein said copy station cooperates with said print server to display a user message indicating that a pending print job has been diverted to said at least one alternate document processing device.

5 6. The document processing system of Claim 1 wherein each copy job has a billing code associated therewith, and wherein said copy station determines a cost associated with each copy job and assigns the cost to the billing code.

5 7. The document processing system of Claim 6 wherein said document processing device performs at least one job attribute, and wherein said copy station detects when said document processing device performs the at least one job attribute and associates an additional cost with the billing code based thereon.

5 8. The document processing system of Claim 7 wherein said at least one job attribute comprises sorting, stapling, binding, color printing, printing on predetermined types of paper, and printing on predetermined sizes of paper.

5 9. The document processing system of Claim 1 wherein each print job has a billing code associated therewith, and wherein said print server determines a cost associated with each print job and assigns the cost to the billing code.

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10. The document processing system of Claim 1 wherein said copy station enables said document processing device to perform a copy job based upon receiving a valid billing code from a user.

11. The document processing system of Claim 1 wherein said copy station comprises a display for indicating that said document processing device is unavailable for copying.

12. A document processing system comprising:
 a primary document processing device for performing print jobs and copy jobs;
 at least one alternate document processing
 5 device for performing at least one of print jobs and copy jobs;
 a print server for sending print jobs to said primary and at least one alternate document processing devices; and
 10 a copy station connected to said document processing device and said print server for allowing a user to enable said primary document processing device to perform a copy job based upon receiving a valid billing code from the user;
 15 said copy station preventing said print server from sending print jobs to said primary document processing device while said primary document processing device is enabled for performing a copy job;
 said copy station also preventing a user from
 20 enabling said primary document processing device to perform a copy job while said primary document processing device is performing a print job;
 said print server diverting pending print jobs to said at least one alternate document processing
 25 device based upon said primary document processing device being enabled for performing a copy job and based upon said primary document processing device

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performing a print job.

13. The document processing system of Claim 12 wherein said primary document processing device comprises a print queue, and wherein said print server detects whether said primary document processing device is performing a current print job by polling said print queue.

14. The document processing system of Claim 12 wherein said print server detects whether said primary document processing device is performing a print job, and wherein said copy station determines whether said primary document processing device is performing a print job by polling said print server.

15. The document processing system of Claim 12 wherein said copy station comprises a display, and wherein said copy station cooperates with said print server to display a user message indicating that a pending print job has been diverted to said at least one alternate document processing device.

16. The document processing system of Claim 12 wherein said copy station determines a cost associated with each copy job and assigns the cost to the billing code.

17. The document processing system of Claim 16 wherein said primary document processing device performs at least one job attribute, and wherein said copy station detects when said primary document processing device performs the at least one job attribute and associates an additional cost with the billing code based thereon.

18. The document processing system of Claim

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17 wherein said at least one job attribute comprises
sorting, stapling, binding, color printing, printing on
predetermined types of paper, and printing on
5 predetermined sizes of paper.

19. The document processing system of Claim
12 wherein each print job has a billing code associated
therewith, and wherein said print server determines a
cost associated with each print job and assigns the
5 cost to the billing code.

20. The document processing system of Claim
12 wherein said copy station comprises a display for
indicating that said primary document processing device
is unavailable for copying.

21. A method for controlling a document
processing device for performing print jobs and copy
jobs, the method comprising:

preventing a user from enabling the document
5 processing device to perform a copy job when the
document processing device is performing a print job;
and

preventing print jobs from being sent to the
document processing device to be performed when the
10 document processing device is enabled for performing a
copy job.

22. The method of Claim 21 further
comprising diverting pending print jobs to an alternate
document processing device based upon the document
processing device being enabled for performing a copy
5 job and based upon the document processing device
performing a print job.

23. The method of Claim 22 further
comprising providing a message to a user when a pending

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print job has been diverted to the at least one alternate document processing device.

24. The method of Claim 21 wherein each print job and copy job has a billing code associated therewith, and further comprising determining a cost associated with each copy job and print job and
5 assigning the cost to the billing code.

25. The method of Claim 24 wherein the document processing device performs at least one job attribute, and further comprising detecting when the document processing device performs the at least one
5 job attribute and associating an additional cost with the billing code based thereon.

26. The method of Claim 25 wherein the at least one job attribute comprises sorting, stapling, binding, color printing, printing on predetermined types of paper, and printing on predetermined sizes of
5 paper.

27. The method of Claim 21 further comprising providing a user with a message indicating that the document processing device is unavailable for copying.

28. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps for controlling a document processing device for performing print jobs and copy jobs, the steps
5 comprising:

preventing a user from enabling the document processing device to perform a copy job when the document processing device is performing a print job;
and

10 preventing print jobs from being sent to the

document processing device to be performed when the document processing device is enabled for performing a copy job.

29. The computer-readable medium of Claim 28 having further computer-executable instructions for performing a step of diverting pending print jobs to an alternate document processing device based upon the
5 document processing device being enabled for performing a copy job and based upon the document processing device performing a print job.

30. The computer-readable medium of Claim 29 having further computer-executable instructions for performing a step of providing a message to a user when a pending print job has been diverted to the at least
5 one alternate document processing device.

31. The computer-readable medium of Claim 28 wherein each print job and copy job has a billing code associated therewith, and wherein the computer-readable medium further comprises computer-executable
5 instructions for performing a step comprising determining a cost associated with each copy job and print job and assigning the cost to the billing code.

32. The computer-readable medium of Claim 31 wherein the document processing device performs at least one job attribute, and wherein the computer-readable medium further comprises computer-executable
5 instructions for performing steps comprising detecting when the document processing device performs the at least one job attribute and associating an additional cost with the billing code based thereon.

33. The computer-readable medium of Claim 32 wherein the at least one job attribute comprises

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sorting, stapling, binding, color printing, printing on
predetermined types of paper, and printing on
5 predetermined sizes of paper.

34. The computer-readable medium of Claim 28
having further computer-executable instructions for
performing a step of providing a user with a message
indicating that the document processing device is
5 unavailable for copying.

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